

2024 Transportation Summit

Thursday, October 15, 2023
8:30am - 4:30pm

UVM Davis Center
Burlington, Vermont

3rd Annual CATMA Transportation Summit

Adapting to Change

Vermont is changing, and we need to modify our transportation network to the way people move around and connect to other cities, towns and through our State now.

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The 2023 Transportation Summit focused on the changing landscape in Vermont.

“Vermont is changing, the work environment is changing, commutes are changing, working remotely continues, transportation options are changing, funding and policy continues to evolve. It is essential we work together to modify our transportation network to the way people are now moving around and connecting to other cities, town and through our State.”

CATMA was pleased to provide space for businesses, developers, local, regional and state agencies, transportation providers, policy makers and community members to gather, network, learn, engage and seek collaborative opportunities to improve sustainable, affordable, reliable and convenient transportation options.

The day kicked off with Burlington Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanak delivering the opening keynote, followed by a panel of North American perspectives on transportation and housing, and an afternoon packed with amazing presenters, all with a focus on the changing landscape in Vermont and the need to modify our transportation network.

Summit Guide

The following provides a glimpse into the 2024 summit. Including our gracious sponsors, summit program, details on our wonderful speakers and an overview of each session. All session were recorded and can be found on CATMA's YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@catmavt>.

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TIME	PROGRAM			
8:00am - 4:00pm	Registration Open			
8:00am - 9:00am	Networking Breakfast & Exhibits			
9:00am - 9:15am	Welcome Remarks Greetings by Sandy Thibault, Executive Director of CATMA			
9:15am - 9:45am	Opening Keynote Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanak, Burlington Vermont			
9:45am - 10:00am	Networking Break & Exhibits			
10:00am - 10:30am	Morning General Discussion: The State of Transit in Vermont Clayton Clark, General Manager of Green Mountain Transit			
10:30am - 10:45am	Networking Break & Exhibits			
10:45am - 11:45am	General Session: You're Not Alone, A North American perspective on transportation & housing challenges Craig Sklenar, Principal & Global Leader, Stantec Brennon Fuqua, MPA, PE, PMP, Director, Integrated Mobility Division, North Carolina Dept of Transportation Justin Readman, General Manager of Development Services, City of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada			
11:45am - Noon	Networking Break & Exhibits			
Noon - 1:00pm	Lunch			
AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS				
1:00pm - 1:50pm	Sugar Maple Ballroom	Williams Room	Jost Room	Chittenden Room
	TDM Planning in Vermont Charles Dillard, City of Burlington Bryan Davis, CCRPC Dan Currier, State of Vermont	Community Advocacy: Empowering VT Residents Emilie Krasnow, VT House Rep	Show Me the Money! Fund your Dream Project Ilona Blanchard, City of South Burlington	Legislative Talk for Biking & Walking Jonathon Weber, Local Motion Kate Lalley, VT House Rep
1:50pm - 2:05pm	Networking Break & Exhibits			
2:05pm - 2:35pm	Burlington 2030 District & Property Transportation Plans Jenna Antonino DiMare, BTV 2023 District Jennifer Green, Burlington Electric Dept Jonathan Slason, RSG	Example Portfolio of Municipal Action Matt Lawless, Town of Shelburne	Bringing the Data to Decision-Making Using Chittenden County DMV Records Clare Nelson, UVM TRC	Carsharing in a Rural State Quinn Salinder, Carshare Vermont
2:35-2:45pm	Networking Break & Exhibits			
2:45pm - 3:15pm	VT Carbon Reduction Strategies Andrea Wright, VTTrans	Solutions for Employees Carole Ricciuti, Working Fields	Electric and Autonomous Vehicles, Housing Location Choice and Potential Impacts on Travel Demand Narges Ahmadian, UVM TRC Dr. Gregory Rowangould, UVM TRC	Mobility Options: Tri-Valley Transit Mary-Claire Crogan
3:15pm - 3:30pm	Networking Break & Exhibits			
3:30pm - 4:15pm	Legislative Panel Moderated by Shaun Robinson, Journalist for VTDigger Senator Thomas Chittenden, Representative Kate Lalley, Representative Leonora Dodge, Representative Emilie Krasnow Reflect on the day, observations from their positions, opttys facing vt across these areas.			
4:15pm - 4:30pm	Closing Remarks			

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Speakers & Presenters



Keynotes & General Session Speakers

Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanak

Emma Mulvaney-Stanak is an American politician, and the current mayor of Burlington, Vermont. She is the first woman and openly LGBT person to serve as mayor in the city's history. Previously, she was a member in the Vermont House of Representatives, representing the Chittenden 6-2 and 17 districts as a member of the Vermont Progressive Party. Prior to her tenure in the state house she was on the city council in Burlington, Vermont and chair of the Vermont Progressive Party.

Mulvaney-Stanak was educated at Smith College. She became involved in politics when she was director of the Vermont Living Wage Campaign and as field director for Scudder Parker's gubernatorial campaign during the 2006 election.

Craig Sklenar

Principal & Global Leader for Stantec's Transit-Oriented Communities Initiative, Montreal CAN.

Craig serves as the global leader for Stantec's Transit-Oriented Communities initiative with the Urban Places Group, which is tasked with redefining our approaches to transit-focused community planning in ways that deliver high-quality rapid transit solutions and development for all segments of society.

Craig's passion is all things transit-oriented. From conceptual visioning of an entire corridor to the experiential design that considers a transit riders' experience at a station, Craig's extensive experience across North America concerning transit-oriented communities has helped numerous cities unlock the potential that is created around these major infrastructure investments. His focus of work fuses transportation planning practicality with the art of placemaking, development potential, community design and governmental approvals.

Craig currently calls Montreal, Quebec home.

Justin Readman

General Manager, Development Services, City of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

Justin is a municipal executive with a Master of Engineering in Public Policy from McMaster University and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from the University of Guelph. With over two decades of leadership experience in municipal government, Justin has demonstrated expertise in managing high-performing, multidisciplinary teams and delivering complex, strategic city-building projects.

Currently serving as the General Manager of Development Services for the City of Kitchener—one of North America's fastest-growing cities—Justin oversees six development-related divisions and the Sustainability Office. Under his leadership, the City of Kitchener has recently received national and international awards for its land-use planning, cycling, affordable housing, and economic development strategies.

Brennon Fuqua, MPA, PE, PMP

Director, Integrated Mobility Division, North Carolina Dept of Transportation, Raleigh, NC

Brennon is the Director of the NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division. As director, Brennon leads a team of motivated Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian experts to develop safe, affordable, and innovative multimodal transportation network throughout North Carolina.

Brennon brings to this position a unique background where he combines his passion for transportation planning with over a decade of experience in roadway design, construction management, program management, and policy development. After receiving his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from North Carolina State University in 2011, he began his career with FDH Engineering, leading teams of engineers tasked with performing engineering inspections, structural modification design, and construction management on telecommunication towers and heavy civil infrastructure. In 2017, Brennon joined the City of Raleigh as a Senior Project Manager with the Engineering Services Department. With the City, he led the Design Services group who was tasked with the design and construction of complete streets, sidewalks, bike lanes, and traffic calming projects within the city. During his time with the City, Brennon received his master's degree in Public Administration from North Carolina Central University. In April of 2023, Brennon joined NCDOT as the Manager of the newly formed Program and Project Management Branch in the Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) which focuses on the implementation of innovative multimodal transportation programs and projects throughout the state. In October of 2023, Brennon Fuqua was appointed as the Interim Director of IMD, then was made permanent in July of 2024.

Born in Asheville and raised in southern Louisiana, Brennon returned to North Carolina to attend NC State University, and it has been home ever since. Outside of the office Brennon loves spending time outside with his wife, Juliana, and his two dogs, Harper and Delilah. Whether it is biking, hiking, camping, finding new breweries, or playing golf, if it is sunny outside, he does his best to take advantage.

Clayton Clark

General Manager of Green Mountain Transit

Clayton Clark has served as the General Manager of Green Mountain Transit since January 2023. Prior to that he served as a mission support officer in the United States Air Force, managed a variety of human services programs for the State of Vermont, and led a long-term care facility during the pandemic. He has a bachelor's degree in English from SUNY Binghamton and a master's degree in Government from Harvard University.

Session Presenters

Andrea Wright

Environmental Policy Manager, VTrans

Andrea Wright has worked for the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) in an environmental capacity for 24 years. She has served in several roles primarily working with and leading teams to perform project reviews; conduct research; and develop tools, policies and procedures that avoid, minimize, and mitigate the impacts of transportation infrastructure on the natural and human environment. Andrea now serves as the Environmental Policy Manager, leading the Agency's Environmental Policy and Sustainability team that has a primary focus on climate mitigation and adaptation but covers all matters related to transportation and environment. Andrea serves as a liaison to an array of government and non-government organizations to bring balance and perspective to a

wide range of conversations that emerge and persist at the nexus of transportation and the environment and works to ensure that transportation environmental policies are well-grounded, fair, and practical.

Bryan Davis

Senior Transportation Planner, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

Bryan Davis, AICP, is passionate about sustainable transportation options. His work at the CCRPC focuses on regional Transportation Demand Management programs, bicycle and pedestrian projects, complete streets, and engagement with our cities and towns to support and help realize their vision for livability. Bryan's background includes public service with the US Forest Service and non-profit experience in land conservation and affordable housing. He lives in Burlington with his family and has a thing for trails.

Carole Ricciuti

Business Development Manager, Working Fields

Carole has worked for Working Fields for three years. Starting as an Account Manager she worked directly with individuals who wanted to work but transportation was a barrier. Carole moved to Business Development in the fall of 2023. She engages with Community Members and Employers who discuss transportation barriers. Carole would like to be part of the solution to work through the difficult transportation barrier.

Charles Dillard

Principal Planner - City of Burlington

Charles Dillard is an urban designer and planner with the City of Burlington. Newish to the world of TDM, Charles nevertheless has over 15 years experience as an urban designer and planner in New York City, Raleigh, NC and now Burlington. Charles lives in the far, far New North End and treasures his bike ride commute to Downtown Burlington. When not biking to work, Charles is a proud rider of the #7 bus.

Clare Nelson

Research Scientist, UVM Transportation Research Center

Clare Nelson is a research scientist at the University of Vermont Transportation Research Center. Her background is in transportation policy with an M.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering. She uses data driven approaches to understand transportation in and beyond the state of Vermont and has a passion for science communication.

Dan Currier

Center Vermont Agency of Transportation, Go Vermont Manager

Dan started his State Government career in 2020 after 15 years of working for a regional planning commission in Vermont where he contributed to land-use policies, stormwater design, and transportation planning. His position with the Vermont Agency of Transportation is twofold including as a Public Transit Program Coordinator and the Go! Vermont Program Manager. The combination of regional planning, environmental and transportation experience contributed to his passion and understanding of public transit and transportation demand management (TDM), and his favorite mode of mobility is e-scooter.

Representative Emilie Krasnow

Chittenden-9, Vermont House of Representatives

Emilie was born in Middlebury, grew up in Charlotte, and, since 2005, has called South Burlington home. She grew up in a political environment and started door-to-door canvassing in 1994 when her father was first elected to the

Vermont legislature: she was seven. Emilie studied leadership and management at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza School of Business, was a EMILY's List Fellow, and Emerge Vermont graduate (class of '22). She gives presentations at Vermont high schools and colleges promoting civic engagement and serves on the Community Service Committee of the South Burlington Rotary Club, the South Burlington Library Foundation Volunteer Committee, and serves as Vice Chair of the South Burlington Housing Trust Committee. Prior to her election, Emilie worked for seven years at the Vermont State House, four as an assistant in the Vermont Senate and three as an assistant in the Lieutenant Governor's office. Emilie volunteers at local and statewide food shelves, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, affordable housing coalitions, and has volunteered and worked on over a dozen municipal, county, statewide, and federal campaigns. In her spare time, Emilie enjoys trail walking, swimming in Vermont's rivers, listening to music, writing, film, political discourse, spending time with family and friends, and organizing community events.

Member of the Vermont House of Representatives, 2023-present. Serves on the House Committee on General and Housing. Member of the Climate Solutions Caucus, Co-Chair Working Vermonters Labor Caucus, Women's Caucus, Future's Caucus, Social Equity Caucus, Older Vermonters Caucus

Dr. Greg Rowangould

Associate Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering and Director at UVM Transportation Research Center

Dr. Gregory Rowangould is the Director of the Transportation Research Center and an Associate Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Vermont. He specializes in modeling transportation systems, transportation policy evaluation and mobile source air quality analysis. His research focuses on understanding how the design and operation of transportation systems and transportation policy affect the sustainability of communities, public health, and equity. Since moving to Vermont, he has focused greater attention on the transportation needs of smaller cities and rural communities where there are unique challenges to sustainability and economic development. Dr. Rowangould is also a member of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies standing committee on Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation. Dr. Rowangould holds a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Davis, a MS in Resource Economics and Policy from the University of Maine, and a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Maine.

Ilona Blanchard

Community Development Director, City of South Burlington

Ilona Blanchard has decades of getting projects built. Currently the Community Development Director at the City of South Burlington, she worked previously in Maryland outside Washington, DC. She is currently managing the design of the Walk Bike Bridge over I-89 at Williston Road which will connect Burlington - South Burlington - Williston along the US Route 2 corridor for walkers and cyclers. This \$22M project is funded with a variety of sources, including federal aid, two federal discretionary grants and TIF District financing.

Jenna Antonino DiMare

Executive Director of Vermont Green Building Network (VGBN) and Director of Burlington 2030 District

Jenna Antonino DiMare has served as the Executive Director of Vermont-based non-profit organization the Vermont Green Building Network (VGBN) since 2013. She also has the pleasure of serving as the Director of the Burlington 2030 District, an urban sustainability and climate change initiative managed by VGBN that works to reduce building energy consumption, water usage and transportation emissions. Jenna holds a Masters in Landscape Architecture (MLA) from Cornell University and a BA from Brown University, where she studied architecture, ecological design and environmental policy. When not in the office, Jenna enjoys hiking, backcountry skiing, photography, cooking, and co-teaching mushroom hunting workshops with her partner via their project The Mushroom Forager, LLC.

Jennifer Green

Director of Sustainability, City of Burlington

Jennifer is the Director of Sustainability for the City of Burlington. Jennifer's work involves transitioning Burlington to net zero energy in the thermal and transportation sectors and in this capacity, supports, designs and implements projects within Burlington Electric Department, including work across city offices, and with stakeholders throughout Burlington, and beyond. Jennifer was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cameroon, has a Master's in Public Administration from Columbia University and a PhD in Environmental Sociology from American University.

Jonathan Slason

Managing Consultant, RSG

Jonathan Slason, PE is a Managing Consultant at RSG. He has provided professional engineering and planning consulting services to public and private clients for nearly 20 years. He has worked both nationally and internationally on land use policy and planning, design projects, and more recently long range planning, emphasizing climate and equity goals. He leads RSG's strategic modeling practice with a focus on exploratory scenario planning and currently is assisting FHWA and others to enhance the strategic modeling VisionEval platform. Jonathan has deployed the strategic model to analyze the effects of TDM options, evaluate how travel behavior changes in the face of pricing and the provision of travel options.

Jonathon Weber

Programs Director at Local Motion

Jonathon oversees Local Motion's programming, including Complete Streets Technical Assistance, youth and adult cycling skills education, and Safe Routes to School. He leads Local Motion's local advocacy and State-level lobbying.

Representative Kate Lalley

Chittenden-6, Vermont House of Representatives – Committee on Transportation

Kate Lalley was elected to the Vermont Legislature in 2022. She has a master's in landscape architecture from the University of Virginia and practiced landscape and urban design for 15 years, serving public, private and institutional clients in New England, New York and Washington, DC. Upon moving with her family to Vermont in 2003 her work shifted to community planning. Since 2015 Kate has worked as a regional planner helping communities to increase attainable housing, especially in walkable contexts to make more affordable, healthful and car-lite lifestyles with easier access to jobs and daily needs available to more Vermonters. In addition to reducing emissions this model also provides opportunities to manage stormwater to protect water quality and other sensitive natural resources.

In Shelburne Kate has been an active community volunteer, most recently serving as a member of the town's selectboard and prior to that, as a planning commissioner and member of Shelburne's Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths Committee.

Jonathan Slason Mary-Claire Crogan

Community Relations Manager for Tri-Valley Transit's Addison Region

Mary-Claire Crogan has more than 14 years of rural transit experience at Tri-Valley Transit (TVT) of Central Vermont. TVT provides local and commuter Shuttle Buses for public use, free door-to-door Dial-A-Rides for eligible residents and has recently piloted "EZ Trip Middlebury" as a hybrid version of these two service models. Mary-Claire's work as a Community Relations Manager encompasses community outreach, services planning, fundraising, publications and media relations.

Matt
Manager, Town of Shelburne

Matt Lawless moved to Vermont last year, to serve as Shelburne's town manager. He previously managed two smaller towns in Virginia, with a total of 13 years' local government. Lawless is an ICMA Credentialed Manager with a BA from William & Mary (VA) and an MPA from American University (DC); he has also begun UVM's PhD in Sustainable Development Policy, Economics and Governance. Magyarul tanul.

Narges Ashmdnia
Graduate Research Assistant, University of Vermont TRC

Narges Ahmadnia is a PhD candidate in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Vermont. Her research primarily focuses on travel behavior in rural and small communities, exploring critical issues such as mode choice, housing satisfaction, and transportation impacts on climate change.

She holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in civil engineering from the Iran University of Science and Technology. Her academic journey is marked by a commitment to understanding and improving transportation systems and their impacts on the community development and environment.

Quinn Salinder
Operations Manager, CarShare Vermont

Quinn is the Operations Manager at CarShare Vermont. Upon moving back to Burlington, he was happy to be able to get around largely by bike or on foot, and almost immediately sold his car. His support for the growth of walkable communities throughout the state eventually drew him to join the CarShare Vermont team.

Since graduating from UVM, he has worked on issues surrounding affordable housing and homelessness at the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board and as an AmeriCorps member at the John Graham Shelter in Vergennes. Quinn grew up in the Mad River Valley and now lives in downtown Burlington.

Legislative Panel

Representative Leonora Dodge
Chittenden-23, Vermont House of Representatives

Leonora was born to Irish and Mexican parents and grew up in Montreal and Mexico City. She moved to the US as a young adult. She earned a B.A. in Latin American Studies from Williams College, and an M.A. in Latin American History from the University of Texas at Austin. She completed a college semester in Chile, and a semester in southern Spain, and studied in Guatemala for a month. She is the recipient of a Mellon Fellowship, a Ford grant, and a Fulbright.

Since moving to Vermont in 2000, Leonora has sought to build community connections, both professionally and as a volunteer for many organizations including HomeShare Vermont, Music Contact International, Justicia Migrante/Migrant Justice, and Essex B.E.S.T. (Building Equity, Solidarity, and Trust). Prior to running for office, she taught Spanish at Vermont Commons High School and at Champlain College, and worked as a classroom paraeducator in the Spanish Immersion Elementary program in Jericho. Her community service includes running Spanish playgroups, coordinating children's activities at the annual Burlington Latino Festival, coaching world

championship Odyssey of the Mind teams, and initiating the Essex-Westford School District International Potluck dinners.

Leonora also shares her love of Latinx culture by teaching inclusive and multi-age dance fitness classes and dance events through which she has raised several thousand dollars for local non-profits such as COTS, SD Ireland Cancer Research, and Steps to End Domestic Violence. She lives in Essex town with her husband and two children. She is fluent in both French and Spanish.

Member of the House of Representatives: 2023-present.

Senator Thomas Chittenden

Chittenden-Southeast District, Vermont State Senate

Thomas Ira Chittenden grew up in South Burlington, Vermont. Thomas has a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Vermont and his Vermont family lineage traces back nine generations to Bethuel Chittenden, the brother of Vermont's first governor Thomas Chittenden.

He has been elected to the South Burlington City Council three times (2015, 2017, and 2020), currently serving in his third term. He has been twice elected by the faculty of the University of Vermont to serve as their Faculty Senate President and he served as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Green Mountain Transit Authority (2015–2020).

He currently serves as the co-chair of the Schlesinger Global Family Enterprise Case Competition and a director of the Grossman School of Business Undergraduate Case Competition Program. He was the 2019 UVM Grossman School of Business Faculty Member of the Year and in 2017 was awarded the University of Vermont President's Distinguished Lecturer Award. He also serves on the New England Board of Higher Education, the Vermont Economic Progress Council, and the Vermont State Infrastructure Bank.

For a short period of time, he was a Volunteer Firefighter in the Town of Williston, Vermont and is a South Burlington Rotarian. He now lives in the Chittenden family home in South Burlington. He is the father of three children attending public school and is married to Kimberly Chittenden, who teaches in Colchester.

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Shaun Robinson (Panel Moderator)

Journalist, VTDigger

Shaun Robinson is an award-winning journalist covering state government and economic issues for VTDigger. During the legislative session, he also co-authors VTDigger's daily politics newsletter, Final Reading. Previously at VTDigger, he covered local government and schools in Franklin and Grand Isle counties. Shaun studied journalism and political science at Boston University. He lives in Williston.

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CATMA 2024 Transportation Summit

Workshops & Sessions



1:00pm – 1:50pm Sessions

Community Advocacy: Empowering Vermont Residents (Williams Room)

Emilie Krasnow, State Representative, South Burlington

Join us for a Community Advocacy Workshop hosted by Rep. Emilie Krasnow, aimed at empowering Vermont residents to actively engage in their democracy and advocate for policies that matter to them. Whether you're new to advocacy or looking to enhance your skills, this workshop will provide valuable insights and practical tips on how to effectively engage with legislators and make your voice heard in the Vermont State House.

During the workshop, you'll learn:

Understanding the Legislative Process: Gain a clear understanding of how bills are introduced, debated, and passed in Vermont, and how you can influence this process.

Connecting with Your Legislators: Discover effective strategies for building relationships with your local legislators, including tips on effective communication and setting up meetings.

Advocacy Tactics: Learn proven methods for advocating for the policies you care about, including crafting persuasive arguments, mobilizing community support, and leveraging grassroots efforts.

Local Community Engagement: Explore opportunities for getting involved in your local community, understanding local issues, and collaborating with like-minded individuals and organizations.

This session is designed to be interactive and engaging, with opportunities for questions and discussions throughout. Whether you're passionate about transportation, housing, education, environmental conservation, or any other issue, this session will equip you with the tools and knowledge needed to make a meaningful impact.

Don't miss this chance to become a more effective advocate for change in Vermont! Join us and be part of shaping the future of our community.

How to Break Up with Your Car (Sugar Maple Ballroom)

Charles Billard, City of Burlington; Bryan Davis, CCRPC; Dan VTans

Hear from local, regional and state transportation planners on their experiences to plan a system that features a variety of transportation options people are interested in using, how to successfully promote those options, what policies are needed to complement TDM programs and the collaborative approach to achieve the shared transportation, land use, climate and energy goals.

Legislation for Better Walking, Biking and Rolling (Chittenden Room)

Jonathon Weber, Local Motion and Kate Lalley, VT House of Representatives

In this session, we'll discuss legislative changes made in the 2023/2024 session that support walking, biking, and rolling, and talk about what changes should be pursued in the future to help Vermonters utilize active commuting modes.

Show me the money! Fund your dream project. (Jost Room)

Ilona Blanchard, City of South Burlington

Have a great transportation project but no funds? Learn about finding and securing grants for your dream project. Tips & tricks for successful grant applications as well as an overview of a few Vermont and Federal programs and processes.

2:00pm – 2:30 pm Sessions

Bringing the Data to Decision-Making Using Chittenden County DMV Records (Jost Room)

Clare Nelson, UVM Transportation Research Center

The role of data in decision-making is key to ensuring our policies and goals are responding to real-time travel choices, vehicle fleet turnover, and trends in vehicle ownership. Using real data from vehicle registrations and inspections in Chittenden County, researchers at the Transportation Research Center have collaborated with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission to create a dashboard that allows users to assess vehicle miles travelled, vehicle tailpipe emissions, gallons of fuel consumed, kilowatt hours of electricity consumed, changes in vehicle types and vehicle fuels, and much more. The dashboard allows aggregated mapping and graphing of non-identifiable information for Chittenden County vehicles starting in 2017 to the current year (~80,000 vehicles in each year of data) and updates annually to provide an easy-to-use tool for the county to assess and track transportation trends from light-duty, personal vehicles. This session will highlight some key findings from this tool, including prominent vehicle trends over the past five years, and discuss policy implications and focus areas for sustainable transportation efforts in Chittenden County in the years to come.

Burlington 2030 District and Property Transportation Plans (Sugar Maple Ballroom)

Jenna Antonino DiMare, BTV 2023 District Director

Jennifer Green, Burlington Electric Department

Jonathan Slason, P.E., Managing Consultant RSG

Burlington is the home of one of the nation's twenty 2030 Districts. The Burlington 2030 District is a private/public partnership working to reduce building energy consumption, water usage and transportation emissions 50% by 2030. By establishing the economic case for these reductions, the District helps property owners increase asset value, reduce operating costs, and create a healthier community. Burlington 2030 District members include City Market, Ski Rack, Hula, the City of Burlington, the Burlington School District and others. In addition to working with Burlington Electric on energy efficiency and building electrification, the Burlington 2030 District is committed to reducing VMT from transportation and as such, created a survey for members to ascertain staff travel and based on that employee-specific data, roadmap ways to reduce VMT. This session will discuss the survey, and the resulting "Property Transportation Plans" for several Burlington 2030 District members.

Carsharing in a Rural State (Chittenden Room)

Quinn Salinder, Operations Manager, CarShare Vermont

Carsharing is most readily available in cities, but access to shared vehicles has the potential to transform the mode choice process for, and overall mobility of, residents in other communities, too. We'll unpack some of the challenges CarShare Vermont has encountered providing service outside of Burlington and discuss some possible approaches to supporting shared vehicles in these places.

Example Portfolio of Municipal Action (Williams Room)

Matt, Town of Shelburne

Vermont's town governments contribute to mobility solutions in many ways. Shelburne has a range of plans, projects, and partnerships now underway. Discuss this portfolio with the town manager and make connections to your own interests.

2:45pm – 3:15pm Sessions

Electric and Autonomous Vehicles, Housing Location Choice and the Potential Impacts on Travel Demand (Jost Room)

Narges Ahmadnia, Graduate Research Assistant, University of Vermont

Dr. Gregory Rowangould, University of Vermont, Associate Professor and Director, Transportation Research Center

Adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) and autonomous vehicles (AVs) holds potential for reducing travel demand and greenhouse gas emissions. EVs eliminate tailpipe greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and AVs can reduce congestion by enabling more efficient traffic flow and shared ride services. However, these technologies also have the potential to affect travel behavior and demand by reducing travel costs and influencing where people choose to live. In this study, we focus on understanding how EVs and AVs could affect housing location preferences by evaluating housing dissonance—a term describing the mismatch between current residents existing housing and their preferences.

To explore this, we conducted a survey in Chittenden County, Vermont, that collected information from respondents about the importance of various aspects of their residence including their home, neighborhood characteristics, and factors related to mobility and accessibility and to what extent their current housing satisfied these. We then examine how EVs and AVs could mitigate residential dissonance and therefore affect preferred housing location choice and the potential implications on travel demand.

Our findings reveal that more than half of the respondents (54%) were location dissonant, meaning they prefer to live in a different type of neighborhood than they currently do. Suburban and rural households were the most location dissonant, with town and village centers being the most preferred location. Accessibility, fuel costs and environmental impacts of driving were important sources of discontent for many respondents. EVs and AVs have the potential to alleviate these issues, which could reduce the demand for housing in more compact town and village centers and potentially increase demand for housing in rural areas and travel demand. We also find that EVs and AVs are less likely to affect housing location preferences of people living in urban areas.

Mobility Options - Tri-Valley Transit (Chittenden Room)

Mary-Claire Crogan, Community Relations Manager for Tri-Valley Transit's Addison Region

Tri-Valley Transit's Community Relations Manager, Mary-Claire Crogan will describe her organization's work and impact as a rural transit agency in Central Vermont. The presentation will include information about TVT's geographic and services growth; Shuttle Bus routes with an emphasis on commuter services connecting Addison County to Burlington; Dial-a-Ride services for vulnerable riders; and a Mobility and Transportation Innovations (MTI)-funded microtransit pilot underway in Middlebury

Solutions for Employees (Williston Room)

Carole Ricciuti, Business Development Manager, Working Fields

Business Development Manager from Working Fields will be presenting about Transportation barriers and solutions. Learn about Working Fields, a mission-driven staffing agency offering second chances to job seekers, hear about their data about transportation barriers and stories about the difficulty of using the bus to get to work. How Working Fields has utilized VTANS Commute with Enterprise as a transportation solution. As a staffing agency, Working Fields is in the unique position of speaking to employers and employees to identify the barriers to getting motivated skilled employees to work.

VT Carbon Reduction Strategies (Jost Room)

Andrea Wright, VTrans

The purpose of the Vermont Agency of Transportation's Carbon Reduction Program is to reduce transportation emissions through the development of statewide carbon reduction strategies and by funding projects designed to reduce emissions. VTrans will present the strategies that were identified and discuss the plan for moving these strategies forward.

3:30pm – 4:15pm

Legislative Panel (Silver Maple Ballroom)

State of Vermont Legislators

Moderated by Shaun Robinson, Journalist for VTDigger

Panelists on Main Stage

Representative Kate Lalley, Chittenden-6, Vermont House of Representatives

Representative Emilie Krasnow, Chittenden-9, Vermont House of Representatives

Representative Leonora Dodge, Chittenden-23, Vermont House of Representatives

Senator Thomas Chittenden, Chittenden County, State Senate